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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 1995

Mr. DEFazio (for himself, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. METCALF, Mr. ROHRABACHER, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on National Security

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Selective Service
3 Standby Act of 1995”.

4 **SEC. 2. SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT EX-**
5 **CEPT DURING NATIONAL EMERGENCIES.**

6 (a) SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION REQUIRE-
7 MENT.—Section 3 of the Military Selective Service Act (50
8 U.S.C. App. 453) is amended by adding at the end the
9 following new subsection:

10 “(c) On and after the effective date of the Selective
11 Service Standby Act of 1995, no person shall be required
12 to present himself for and submit to registration under
13 subsection (a) unless a declaration of national emergency
14 is in effect, as declared by the President after that date.
15 The President shall provide for the prompt termination
16 of any declaration of national emergency issued for pur-
17 poses of this subsection upon the termination of the na-
18 tional emergency.”.

19 (b) SUSPENSION OF SANCTIONS FOR PERSONS PRE-
20 VIOUSLY SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION.—Section 12 of
21 such Act (50 U.S.C. App. 462) is amended by adding at
22 the end the following new subsection:

23 “(h) In addition to the exception provided by sub-
24 section (g), a person may not be denied a right, privilege,
25 benefit, or employment position under Federal law on the
26 grounds that the person failed to present himself for and

1 submit to registration under section 3 before the effective
2 date of the Selective Service Standby Act of 1995.”.

3 **SEC. 3. SUSPENSION OF ACTIVITIES OF SELECTIVE SERV-**
4 **ICE SYSTEM BOARDS.**

5 Section 17 of the Military Selective Service Act (50
6 U.S.C. App. 467) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following new subsection:

8 “(d) Except during a national emergency declared by
9 the President, on and after the effective date of the Selec-
10 tive Service Standby Act of 1995—

11 “(1) the President may not appoint a person as
12 a member of a civilian local board, civilian appeal
13 board, or similar local agency of the Selective Serv-
14 ice System; and

15 “(2) any such board established under section
16 10(b)(3) may not meet.”.

17 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON STANDBY REGISTRATION PROGRAM**
18 **FOR USE DURING NATIONAL EMERGENCIES.**

19 Not later than 150 days after the effective date of
20 this Act, the Director of the Selective Service shall submit
21 to Congress a report detailing a standby emergency man-
22 power mobilization program to be used by the Selective
23 Service System only during national emergencies for the
24 registration of persons who would be subject to registra-
25 tion under section 3 of the Military Selective Service Act

1 (50 U.S.C. App. 453). Such report shall include an esti-
2 mation of the cost to implement and operate the program
3 and an evaluation of the feasibility of using existing and
4 emerging information systems available to the Federal
5 Government to improve the effectiveness of any registra-
6 tion requirements.

7 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
9 take effect 30 days after the date of the enactment of the
10 Act.

